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The Security Council,

Expressing concern about the escalation of violence in Gaza caused by terrorist organizations such as Hamas,

Recalling also its resolutions on the protection of civilians in armed conflict, and *emphasizing* the obligation not to attack civilians, civilian populations, or civilian objects in situations of armed conflict,

Deploring the loss of human life and the endangermen t of innocent civilians,

Stressing that all parties must comply with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law, as applicable,

Expressing its grave concern at the escalation of violence and tensions and the deterioration of the situation in Gaza, caused by terrorist organizations such as Hamas, in particular since 30 March 2018,

Condemning all acts of violence against civilians, including acts of terror, as well as all acts of provocation, incitement and destruction caused by terrorist organizations such as Hamas,

Reaffirming the right to peaceful assembly and protest, freedom of expression and of association,

Alarmed at the exacerbation of the dire humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip, and *stressing* the need to achieve a sustainable solution to this crisis,

Stressing the particular impact that armed conflict has on women and children, including as refugees and displaced persons, as well as on other civilians who may have specific vulnerabilities, including persons with disabilities and older persons, and stressing the need for the Security Council and Member States to strengthen further the protection of civilians,

Recalling its commitment to a lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict agreed upon by both parties,

Reaffirming the right of all States in the region to live in peace within secure and internationally recognized borders,

1. *Condemns* in the strongest terms the indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian militants in Gaza toward communities in Israel on May 29, 2018, which damaged civilian infrastructure and was the largest attack from Gaza since 2014;

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2. *Demands* that Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and other militant groups in Gaza cease all violent activity and provocative actions, including along the boundary fence, and cease putting civilians at risk through their actions;

3. *Condemns* the diversion of resources by Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and other groups in Gaza to construct military infrastructure, including tunnels to infiltrate Israel and equipment to launch rockets, when such resources could have addressed the needs of the civilian population;

4. *Demands* that all member states refrain from providing weapons or any other materiel that could be used for rocket attacks to militant groups in Gaza;

5. *Calls* for full respect by all parties for international human rights law and international humanitarian law, including in regards to the protection of the civilian population, and reiterates the need to take appropriate steps to ensure the safety and well-being of civilians and ensure their protection, as well as to ensure accountability for all violations;

6. *Deplores* any actions by terrorist groups in Gaza such as Hamas that could provoke violence and endanger civilian lives, and *calls on* them to ensure that protests remain peaceful;

7. *Calls* for urgent steps to ensure an immediate, durable and fully respected ceasefire;

8. *Calls* for the exercise of maximum restraint and calm by all parties in Gaza and the need for immediate and significant steps to stabilize the situation and to reverse negative trends on the ground caused by terrorist organizations in Gaza, including Hamas;

9. *Demands* that all parties in Gaza cooperate with medical and humanitarian personnel to allow and facilitate unimpeded access to the civilian population, *calls* for the cessation of all forms of violence and intimidation directed against medical and humanitarian personnel, and *expresses grave concern* for the destruction of the Kerem Shalom crossing by actors in Gaza, which has severely hindered deliveries of food and fuel for the people of Gaza;

10. *Encourages* tangible steps towards intra-Palestinian reconciliation, including in support of the mediation efforts of Egypt, and concrete steps to reunite the Gaza Strip and the West Bank under the Palestinian Authority and ensure its effective functioning in the Gaza Strip;

11. *Welcomes* and *urges* further engagement by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process to assist, in cooperation with concerned partners, in the efforts to immediately de-escalate the situation and address urgent infrastructure, humanitarian, and economic development needs, including through the implementation of projects endorsed by the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine the present situation and to submit a written report, as soon as possible, but not later than 60 days from the adoption of the present resolution, on terrorist organizations such as Hamas using protesters for incitement and carrying out other acts of violence in the past 90 days, with the goal of preventing such clashes in the future;

13. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.